

ECOLAB INC  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2003

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 18, 2003**

## ECOLAB INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9328**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0231510**  
(Identification No.)  
IRS Employer

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**370 Wabasha Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55102**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, include area code: **651-293-2233**

**(Not applicable)**  
(Former name or former address, if changed from last report.)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

(99) Ecolab Inc. News Release dated February 18, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 18, 2003, Ecolab Inc. announced earnings for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2002. A copy of the News Release issued by Ecolab Inc. in connection with this Item 9 is attached as Exhibit (99) and incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECOLAB INC.

By: */s/Timothy P. Dordell*  
Timothy P. Dordell  
Assistant Secretary

Date: February 18, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Method Of Filing</b>
(99)	Ecolab Inc. News Release dated February 18, 2003.	Filed herewith electronically.